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SUMMER CAMPS FOR CONGREGATIONAL YOUTH

REDWOOD AND UPPER BAY AREA P. F. CAMP—JUNE 17-23

Plans for this first summer camp at Cazadero are nearing completion, with Rev. Art Casaday of Mill Valley as director, and Rev. Jim Senter of Sebastopol as Registrar and Dean of Men. Mrs. Emma McClelland of Cloverdale will be the Dean of Women.

Headline speaker is Oliver Powell, of national Pilgrim Fellowship. Art Casaday will lead the evening Vespers. Rev. Henry Hayden of Guerneville is slated as Recreation Director and will have a class on Recreation for Fellowship.

Other Classes and leaders include: Rev. Elmer Benedict, How to Use the Bible; Rev. Ed Sherman, Creative Living; Rev. Tom Watt, What It Means to be a Christian; Rev. Ed Perry, The Art of Living Together; Rev. Gordon Foster, Achieving Durable Peace; Rev. Elmo Wolfe, Men Who Made the Church; Rev. Oliver Powell and Rev. Wim Meyer, Improving Your Local P. F.

COLLEGE CAMP MAY 18-20

Congregational College students will have the first crack at a regular camp at Cazadero, May 18-20. Ralph Hyslop, national Congregational minister of student life, will be the leader, backed up by Bob James of San Jose as Camp Director, Dave and Virginia Stowe of Plymouth House, and Wim Meyer.

"How the Congregational Christian Church Functions—in the personal religious life, and in the church fellowship," such is the theme of the week-end discussions, which promise to get down to the famous brass tacks.

Cost of the camp is $2.50, payable in advance to Rev. Bob James, Student Union, State College, San Jose. Ask him for details on time, transportation, program.

CENTRAL AREA CAMP JUNE 24-30

Unfortunately, the doctor has ordered Mr. Linn not to be camp director (though he expects to be there and teach a course). Plans have been delayed for this reason. Wim Meyer is acting director. Miss Evelyn Williams of Sacramento will be Registrar. Rev. Noel Breed of Stockton will be Chaplain; Rev. A. C. Hacke of Ripon, Dean of Courses. Leaders include Bob Carlson, Rev. Torrance Phelps, and Chaplain Sherwood Wirt.

Oliver Powell, national Director of Pilgrim Fellowship, will be the visiting speaker.

CAZADERO FUND

Since the last issue of PACIFIC, a goodly number of churches have added small amounts to the gifts previously sent in for Cazadero, and several churches which had not completed the major part of their campaigns by the middle of April have forwarded very substantial amounts. San Mateo has added $300 to its previous gift, Pittsburg has added $331, Santa Cruz $350, San Jose $391, Berkeley South Community $121, Lodi Ebenezer $100, Port Chicago $108 and San Carlos $250. Redwood City, Stockton, First Church San Francisco, and First Church Oakland, expect before the end of the month to complete their effort. First Berkeley has definitely pledged $2,750. It is expected that a complete church by church report will be published in the June issue.

Vespers at Congregational Cazadero

FAMILY CAMPS

Congregational Cazadero opens its gate to adults and to family groups for these two one-week camps. A program of interest to all ages, with plenty of time for family activity and recreation, is being planned.

The cost, as for all camps, is $9.75 per person total fee (Children under 12, $6.00). Everyone eats in the outdoor dining room together. (Parents of tiny children may bring canned baby food.) New spring beds and mattresses are provided, in dormitory rooms or tents. Those who are able and willing can bring tents.

Registration cards (obtainable from your pastor) should be sent (with $2.25 registration fee for adults, $1 for children) directly to the Camp Director.

Early registrations are coming in for the first Family Camp at Cazadero, July 1 to 7. An integrated program is being planned for all age groups. These Family Camps will give church families an opportunity to play together and grow spiritually together.

The Director of the Family Camp, July 1 to 7, is Mr. LeRoy Smith, 34 Vicente Place, Berkeley 5. Mr. George B. Martin, 26 Kingston Road, Berkeley 8, is director for Family Camp No. 2, August 5 to 11.

MAKE IT UNANIMOUS

Following is a list of the churches that are now subscribing for PACIFIC for every family in the parish: Antioch, Benicia, Fresno First, Oakland Fruitvale, Pittsburg, Porterville and Rio Vista. Fresno Pilgrim subscribes for a bundle of 100 each month in addition to individual subscribers, Lodi Women's organization receives a package of 25. First Berkeley sends a year's subscription to every new family; Palo Alto subscribes for all of its officers. Many new individual subscriptions have come so that the total number being printed has gained by about three-fifths in the past six months.

SAN JOAQUIN AREA CAMP AT LAKE SEQUOIA JUNE 17-23

Pilgrim Fellowshippers from the San Joaquin area again go to lovely Lake Sequoia for their camp, under the direction of Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian of Fresno Pilgrim Church. On the edge of this mountain lake, a mile up in the Sierras, there will be hours of inspiration and fun together.

Rev. John Gregg of Fresno will act as Camp Manager. Leaders will include Rev. Willis Goldsmith of Porterville, Mrs. Goldsmith as music director, Rev. S. Papajian of Fowler, Rev. Stephen Peabody of San Jose, Mrs. Maria Garcia of Oakland (and the Philippines), and others to be announced.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR FRESNO JAPANESE

Congregationalists and Methodists are cooperating to assist the returning Japanese in the Fresno area. As yet, and probably for some time to come, the number of Japanese returning will scarcely be able to support one church, let alone two. It has been the position of our Conference for many years that the work should be federated, the more so since there were no denominational distinctions in the religious program within the relocation camps. Rev. Hideo Hashimoto is to represent both denominations, conducting a hostel in the Methodist church and assisting returnees in getting reestablished. While it is hoped that increasingly Japanese Christians will be welcomed into our Caucasian churches, there will be no attempt to force the issue. Mr. Hashimoto will serve as a link between the Japanese people and the other churches, and, as necessity may arise, will conduct services for the older Japanese. This plan will be reviewed at the end of six months.

From the far corners of the world come visiting speakers for our Camps at Congregational Cazadero this summer, to supplement the loyal corps of devoted ministers and lay people who give their services so faithfully.

In June we shall have Oliver Powell; in July, Richard Keithahn; in August, Everett Blake.

Rev. Oliver Powell is the national secretary for the young people's work of our churches, so we are indeed fortunate to have him at Cazadero for our first two regular camps there. Mr. Powell is well qualified to lead our youth program, having directed Protestant youth work in Greater New York, and serving a church in the Chicago area before assuming his present post. He is, incidentally, a classmate of our Field Secretary Wim Meyer.

Rev. Richard Keithahn has conducted a unique piece of work in India for ten years, identifying himself closely with the Indian people, living as they live and not in foreign style. He is one of the most dynamic and able leaders of youth in our missionary family.

Rev. Everett C. ("Jack") Blake, took his theological work in Pacific School of Religion, and is a member of the faculty of the American Collegiate Institute at Izmir (formerly Smyrna), Turkey. He is proficient in outdoor sports, and will be accompanied at Cazadero by his two young sons.

Camp Leaflets and Registration Cards are available from your pastor or from Field Secretary Meyer, 2345 Channing, Berkeley 4.

MOTHERS ATTENTION! VOLUNTEER COOKS NEEDED

Ladies to assist the camp cook are needed for each week of camp if we are to keep out of the red in our summer operations. Volunteer assistant cooks will have all their expenses paid, will be free of dishwashing, will not have responsibility for planning or ordering supplies. But they will make a real contribution to the Camp and their services are badly needed. Usually they will come for the week when their own young people are at camp. Please send names of any possible candidates, or write for further information, to Rev. Wim Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, Calif.

JOHN B. HANNA HERE

Rev. John B. Hanna, Church Counsellor for the Council of Social Action, is spending a few weeks in Northern California. He is making his headquarters at Pacific School of Religion, and it is his purpose to assist churches in meeting social problems in their own localities. A dinner for laymen has been called by Mr. Harold Avery, Chairman of the Laymen's Commission, at Plymouth Congregational Church, Oakland, for Thursday, May 17, at 6:15 p. m. Price for the dinner will be $1 per plate, but reservations must be in by May 14.

WALTERS IN PHILIPPINES

V-Mail letter from Chaplain (Captain) Louis Verdette Walters, states that he is in the Philippines, waiting for assignment; that he finds the people there friendly, but that Japanese did a thorough job of destruction.

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REAL GAINS

Northern California seems to be well on the way toward the goal of the "courageous and substantial increase" undertaken a year ago last January by the Missions Council for a two-year period. One of the significant things to be noted in the church by church list that follows, is that the gain over 1944 is largely from churches rather than individuals, and is well distributed throughout the entire list, with two notable exceptions—Lodi and First Berkeley, which together account for $1700 of the gain, although a considerable number of smaller churches have added very substantially, even in greater proportion, and two churches have paid their apportionment in full for the year. With the opportunities that are ahead, every dollar of the increase can be put to fruitful use.

	April 1945	Jan. 11 to Apr. 30, 1945	Jan. 11 to Apr. 30, 1944
Adin	$.....	$ 13.00	$.....
Alameda	64.91	240.22	213.44
Alturas	.....	36.95	31.45
Angels Camp	50.00	103.00	37.59
Antioch	35.71	35.71	32.59
Auburn	10.00	40.00	40.00
Benicia	200.00	230.00	.....
Berkeley, Arlington	.....	45.66	18.55
First	691.05	2,709.04	1,970.82
North	.....	186.60	157.52
South	.....	149.42	.....
Campbell	.....	80.00	75.00
Cedarville	.....	.....	25.00
Cloverdale	.....	33.52	40.41
Cotati	.....	10.00	51.87
Crockett	18.32	18.32	50.82
Etna	.....	.....	5.84
Eureka	.....	156.88	186.22
Ferndale	13.60	98.70	78.00
Fresno, First	50.00	550.00	511.24
Pilgrim	.....	414.62	200.00
Glen Ellen	.....	21.00	24.05
Guerneville	.....	20.00	.....
Kenwood	.....	11.46	9.82
Lodi, First	680.00	1,329.00	400.00
Loleta	25.79	40.23	32.95
Loomis	.....	23.86	.....
Martinez	38.51	132.58	106.44
Murphys	.....	83.40	81.00
Oakland, First	440.00	1,760.00	1,870.00
Fruitvale	.....	15.00	15.00
Japanese	.....	15.00	.....
Pilgrim	.....	21.00	15.00
Plymouth	103.07	336.45	405.74
Orinda	20.00	75.80	.....
Oroville	129.46	144.67	125.11
Pacific Grove	.....	92.65	97.58
Palo Alto	200.00	500.00	250.00
Paradise	.....	50.00	100.00
Parlier	.....	.....	50.00
Penngrove	.....	39.36	59.59
Pescadero	.....	.....	10.00
Petaluma	.....	294.75	288.37
Pittsburg	.....	64.31	36.74
Port Chicago	.....	37.56	.....
Porterville	.....	400.00	200.00
Redwood City	.....	210.07	228.00
Reedley	.....	25.00	.....
Rio Vista	70.00	70.00	44.00
Ripon	.....	76.43	83.37
Sacramento	160.00	320.00	320.00
Salida	.....	41.00	30.00
San Carlos	20.00	80.00	41.01
San Francisco,			
Bethany Msn. Pk.	15.00	75.00	73.00
First	365.57	365.57	220.64
Ocean View	.....	66.15	60.00
Park Presidio	.....	49.00	48.00
San Jose	58.10	233.27	228.54
San Leandro	.....	25.40	23.15
San Mateo	71.53	437.53	512.94
San Rafael	19.00	29.00	80.00
Santa Cruz	75.00	305.00	275.00
Santa Rosa	.....	71.00	49.50
Saratoga	.....	179.45	137.55
Sebastopol	.....	93.78	72.60
Sonoma	.....	46.68	42.45
Soquel	.....	30.00	18.00
Stockton	59.35	246.39	150.14
Suisun	.....	25.00	25.00
Tulare	.....	315.00	149.00
Weaverville	.....	75.00	70.00
Woodside	.....	23.80	28.80
Reno, Nevada	.....	124.55	121.12
Miscellaneous	62.57	658.12	1,032.85
		$3,746.54	$14,956.91	$12,068.41

WHEELS OF WAR

In an open letter concerning the Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Services, Dr. Boynton Merrill says in part: "Because you are an American and because you are a Christian, your heart is surely caught somewhere in the wheels of this war. If you want to put your weight where it will count heavily for America, for the Christian Church, and for the healing of the distressed, I suggest that you face the fact that in your Committee you have an experienced, intelligent, conscientious channel whereby your gifts will go straight to the actual relief of those who suffer and to helping those who serve our country. You can win the right to look into the eyes of men who have given years and limbs and offered life itself, if, in these same years, you do what you can.

The rapidly increasing tempo of the war and the opening up of liberated countries means greater opportunities and obligations for all of us. Liberation, far from suggesting that our help is no longer needed, imposes fresh responsibilities. In France, in Italy, in the Near and the Far East, the suffering is intense. In 1944 our Service Committee asked for $35,000. In 1945 it asks for $140,000. These figures give some idea of the needs which confront us.

Was your Church on the Honor Roll for 1944? If it was, it means that it took part in the plan for sacrificial giving and that at least 10 per cent of its members gave 25 cents per week for that year. Such regular giving is even better than special offerings, valuable as they are, for if the Committee knows in advance what income it can count upon, it can work most promptly and effectively.

—Miriam S. Converse.

NEW OFFICERS

The following officers were elected at the Spring Association meetings held in the past few weeks:

CENTRAL: Moderator, Mrs. Floyd P. Brown; Assistant Moderator, Mr. R. C. Wood; Registrar, Rev. Noel J. Breed.

GERMAN: Moderator, Rev. Benjamin Kissler; Vice Moderator, Rev. Ferdinand Zahl; Registrar, Rev. Jonathan Weber; Treasurer, Rev. Richard Uhlmann.

REDWOOD EMPIRE: Moderator, Mrs. Charles Mosure; Registrar, Rev. Frank E. Boren.

SACRAMENTO: Moderator, Rev. Arthur L. Rice; Vice Moderator, Rev. Maurice L. de Vries; Registrar, Rev. E. P. Shier.

SAN JOAQUIN: Moderator, Rev. John H. Gregg; Vice Moderator, Mr. B. T. Watson; Registrar, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith.

SANTA CLARA: Moderator, Rev. T. Davis Preston; Vice Moderator, Rev. Fred R. Morrow; Registrar, Rev. Willard Thorp.

UPPER BAY: Moderator, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe; Registrar, Rev. C. Virgil Carlson.

Bay Association officers were reported in the March issue.

ARRIVED

Robert Starr, weighing all of six pounds and eleven ounces, arrived on April 30 to bless the Orinda manse. His mother is Jean and his dad is Palmer and his last name is Williams.

SANTA CRUZ. The Women's Club entertained Mrs. James H. Price, President of the Women's Federation, at their April meeting. On another occasion they were addressed by Rev. Cyril Falkner, a missionary from China. Field Secretary William W. Meyer was a pulpit guest on April 8, when he spoke on the Cazadero Camp, and later met with a number of the officers at luncheon. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

BENICIA. A feature of the pre-Easter season was the participation of laymen in each morning service of worship. Sixty-one subscriptions were sent in for the PACIFIC during the month. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, the pastor, was speaker at the young people's rally at Palo Alto, taking with him a carload of his own folk. A Sunday evening service has been started in order to meet the needs of shift workers.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Miss Mary Ingle, the Association speaker, was guest of the Winthrop League on April 22. That same evening the radio service presented Dr. Paul Macey, Secretary of the World Council of Churches. A very complete and attractive brochure has been prepared and presented by the Post-War Building Committee, with drawings of the proposed buildings. Rev. Vere V. Loper is the pastor.

FERNDALE. The 70th anniversary was a great occasion for this church. Saturday, April 14, there was an Anniversary dinner with 80 people present, and on Sunday morning, 85 came out to hear Rev. Roscoe D. Douglas, former minister, preach the anniversary sermon. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, the pastor, welcomed 6 new members into the church. Plans are being made to improve the building both as to appearance and in efficiency.

SYLVAN DALE OMITTED

The Board of Home Missions has announced that the Pastors' School at Sylvan Dale which has meant so much to so many of our men, will not be held this year. The Office of Defense Transportation declined to authorize it. With the tremendous increase of railroad travel which is almost certain to occur with the transference of troops from Europe to the Pacific, it was without doubt the only possible decision. It is hoped that it will be held in later years.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 18-20—College Camp at Congregational Cazadero.
May 20—German S. S. and C. E. Convention, Cross Church, Fresno.
May 27—East Bay P. F. Rally, Plymouth Church, Oakland.
June 17-23—Redwood, Upper Bay Area Camp at Congregational Cazadero.
June 17-23—San Joaquin Area Camp at Lake Sequoia.
June 24-30—Central (and Sacramento Valley) area P. F. Camp.
July 1-7—Family Camp No. 1.
July 15-21—Junior Hi Camp No. 1 (Bay Area primarily).
July 22-28—Junior Hi Camp No. 2.
July 25-30—M. E. M. Conference at San Anselmo.
July 30-August 10—Laboratory School (for Sunday School leaders), San Anselmo.
August 5-11—Family Camp No. 2 at Cazadero.
August 12-18—East Bay Area Camp.
August 19-25—West Bay Area Camp.
August 26-Sept. 1—State Pilgrim Fellowship Camp.
September 1-4—Young Adult Camp.
October 1-30—Annual Area Meetings (in lieu of Conference).

RIPON. Under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, an attractive mimeographed paper is being prepared monthly for Service people on the Honor Roll of the church. There are now 50 names on the roll, with five gold stars. The paper, known as "Contact" includes not only messages and happenings from various departments of the church, but from the town as well, and also items from the boys themselves. Rev. A. C. Hacke is the pastor.

SARATOGA. The Youth Fellowship is studying Fosdick's "On Being a Real Person," using a chapter for each discussion period. Miss Mary Ingle was pulpit guest on April 29. A mimeographed sheet of prayers for use during the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations was prepared and distributed to the church members by the pastor, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, and the church was kept open daily for devotion and intercession.

SAN CARLOS. At the Santa Clara Association, a substantial payment was made by the church on the Association loan. The amount of indebtedness now on the property is very small. A movement is under way to secure an assistant to the pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken, this assistant to give his time exclusively to religious education and young people's work.

SANTA ROSA. On the Opening Day of the San Francisco United Nations Conference, this church participated in a union service of prayer held in the Episcopal Church. A photographic exhibit of American church architecture was secured and displayed following one morning service. Rev. Gordon Foster continues to serve the Congregational and Presbyterian churches.

SAN JOSE. Dr. Blanche Carrier, who launched the week-day religious education plans for northern California, and who is now on the faculty of San Jose State College, has united with this church and is helping with the educational program. Work is about to begin on painting the exterior of the building. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

FOWLER. The church and parsonage have been newly painted and renovated, and an excellent heating plant for the church has been installed. The church cooperates with the program of week-day religious education in the city. It entertained the Armenian Evangelical Conference and also the San Joaquin Association. Rev. Sarkis Papajian is pastor.

EUREKA. The loan of a radio transscription on Dumbarton Oaks was secured and put on for a Sunday evening service. Discussion followed. Two additional memorial windows have been ordered, making a total of four. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is pastor.

PENNGROVE. Sunday School attendance is double that of a year ago. Rev. A. W. Monosmith, pastor, reports that a movement is under way to raise a fund to build a new chapel.

TULARE. Rev. Benjamin Gould, former pastor, is serving for the interim between the leaving of Rev. Stewart Locke and the summer vacation.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OAKLAND, FIRST. There were two services Easter morning, and a special communion service in the afternoon at which 37 united with the church, 17 of them by confession. Nineteen babies were baptized, and two older children. A reception followed in the social hall for all who had joined the preceding Easter. The Women's League, which held a highly successful Spring Festival early in the month, served as hostesses to the Oakland Council of Church Women on April 29. On this occasion Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, conducted the devotional service, and Mr. A. C. Jensen spoke on "Religion and the Hospital," and Rev. Cecil Johnson on "Religion and the Housing Projects." Rev. Hugh Vernon White is giving a series of talks on "What Can We Believe" to the Fellowship Club. Young people of the church recently enjoyed a trip through Chinatown, followed by dinner and a joint meeting with a group of Chinese high school students.

FRESNO, FIRST. There was strong opposition among certain residents of the community to the securing of a rezoning of the site being purchased by the church for a new building. Following the marshalling of overwhelming evidence, the City Council voted unanimously to approve, and indicated its intention to pass an ordinance to that effect. Almost the full purchase price of the lot has been subscribed in response to appeals through the mail. The next step will be the preparation of architect's drawings. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, was elected moderator of the San Joaquin Association.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Three new members united with the church on April 29, which had been designated as "Invite Your Neighbor Sunday," and which brought out a capacity attendance. At a new building rally, a building committee was appointed. A class on churchmanship has been formed, chief purpose of which is to train people in the techniques of friendly parish calling and house-to-house canvassing. A series of neighborhood parties has been inaugurated, five being held simultaneously in different areas. Rev. Eugene Sill is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. During the absence of the Pastor, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the morning services have been conducted by Rev. M. J. Minkler, Moderator of the church, and by the Rev. George W. Phillips. A special memorial service for the late President was held on the last Sunday of the month. Sunday evening services have presented Professor Harland Frederick of the University of California, Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk and Rev. Arthur Cushman McGiffert.

SACRAMENTO. Sixty-one members united with the church on Easter, and sixteen persons were baptized on April 15. Friday, April 27, the Women's League of the church presented a "Scotch Night" program, the silver offering from which is to be devoted to the Cazadero Camp Fund. Rev. Torrance Phelps, the pastor, gave two addresses at the interdenominational conference for Northern California and Nevada, recently held in Modesto.

STOCKTON. There were two identical services on Easter morning, with 696 persons attending. A garden has been planted and parking area improved. Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, is doing Protestant Chaplain work in connection with the California Youth Authority Camp, with between fifty and sixty Protestant young men in the service.

SOQUEL. The "Little White Church" is becoming the center of a larger parish work with activities being regularly carried on in four communities, with 119 young people enrolled in various activities, exclusive of church school and released time classes. Several good workers have been enlisted from among the new families locating in the area. A released time class in religious education has been started in an outlying rural school. During the past two school years, the church has provided instruction for four grades of the Soquel school, using three teachers. To accommodate the growth of the church school, a small building has been erected on the church grounds by the Sheppa family as a memorial to the late O. R. Sheppa, who for over 20 years was clerk and deacon of the church. Rev. T. Davis Preston is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The important issues before the United Nations Conference have been kept before the Plymouth Church Membership by printing sections of the Dumbarton Oaks plan in the weekly bulletin, and by making available books and pamphlets dealing with world affairs after each Sunday service. A tea was held during the month for parents of church school pupils, so that parents and teachers might meet. Women of the church sponsored a garden party or tour April 20. Rev. Robert Inglis, the pastor, and his church were hosts to the spring meeting of the Bay Association when Miss Mary Inglè and Dr. T. Z. Koo were guest speakers.

RIO VISTA. One Sunday morning was devoted to a study of the Dumbarton Peace Plans, a digest of which had been made and distributed by the pastor, Rev. Edwin T. Sherman. There is a movement to start a Young Adult organization, and first meeting has been held. Pilgrim Fellowship has been entertained by the Antioch young people and by the local Baptist young people, the latter meeting being devoted to the study of the Dumbarton Oaks plan under the leadership of the two pastors. The women's study group has recently had a review of the book "Brown America" by Embree.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. John G. Dickey, the pastor, reports having held two services in White Pines, 5 at Fricot, and organization of a Sunday School at Copperopolis—all these in addition to the regular church work at Angels Camp and Murphys during the month. A total of 18 new members united with the Angels Camp Church in April, and more have asked to join in May. There were 20 baptisms. A special memorial service was held the day of the late President's funeral, with State Senator Jesse Mayo as speaker.

SAN MATEO. Sunday School attendance is now up to 220. The church has two part-time workers, one for the church school and the other for youth. From 40 to 60 young people are present every Sunday night, conducting their own services of worship in the sanctuary. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, the pastor, announced that a special service conducted by young people from five San Mateo churches, has been arranged, to be held in the Congregational church on V-E Day, the high school dismissing its students to attend.

COTATI. This is another of our churches in which the Sunday School is growing. A splendid new furnace has been installed, which heats the building adequately, and a cement sidewalk has been placed around the property. Rev. A. W. Monosmith is pastor.

CAMPBELL. Rev. J. H. Bennett, for 18 years the pastor of this church, has resigned, and plans to leave by the 14th of May for the Middle West, taking a few weeks to visit his son and to become acquainted with Congregational churches in that area. Mr. Bennett has done a most significant work in the Campbell area. He has been the friend of old and young. His leadership among the youth of that vicinity is almost without parallel. He has made much use of the youth church idea, and has developed Scouting and Sea Scouting in such a way that many hundreds of young men have felt his influence during their boyhood days. At the same time the church itself has increased in strength, the property has been steadily improved. Twenty-five new members have been received during recent weeks.

SAN LORENZO. Twelve men and women representing old and new San Lorenzo districts met with the pastor, Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, April 19 to make plans for the work of the church. More than 250 people attended a banquet on May 10, at which a large group of officers were installed, the church program for the future was announced, and new building plans discussed. Prof. Hugh Vernon White of Pacific School of Religion installed the officers, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the address. Because of congested conditions, the church school is to be moved into the Community Hall, where a number of other church activities will also be held.

HAYWARD. Rev. Richard Norberg has accepted the call to become pastor of this church about July 1. Mr. Norberg has been associate pastor of the First Community Church of Columbus, Ohio, Rev. Roy Burkhart, pastor. Mr. Norberg is a graduate of McAlister College, Minnesota, and Yale Divinity School. He will be transferring to this Conference from the Presbyterian denomination. The Hayward church is facing a new building program and a great era of growth to meet the tremendously increasing population of that area.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Loss of the social hall is not putting an end to the social life of this church. Various clubs are meeting in the homes of members, and the April 27 "Family Night" was held at the Mormon Church. In order not to over-tax the courtesy of the host church, each participant was instructed to bring his own plate, cup, fork and spoon! Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, the pastor, had as his pulpit guest on the 29th, Rev. F. E. Carlson of Pacific School of Religion.

ORINDA. With a goal for a new building of $30,000 in 30 months, this church has raised $37,000 in pledges. About $8,000 came in cash, which with a previous nestegg of $2,000 makes a total of $10,000 cash. About four hundred families were contacted. Rev. George Dowie was employed as director of the campaign but a vast amount of preparatory work had been done by the pastor, Rev. Palmer D. Williams, and the committees of the church.

PACIFIC GROVE. Since the coming of the new pastor, Rev. Tod B. Sperling, there has been a complete renovation of the parsonage and the installation of a furnace for the church. This church participates regularly at the U.S.O. and is one of the sponsors of the week-day church school program. Not long ago a testimonial dinner was given in honor of Silas Mack who has been the Sunday School Superintendent for 37 years.

PALO ALTO. The church welcomed 24 new members as part of its post-Easter program, a good number of them from its High School Round Table. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of San Mateo exchanged with the pastor, Rev. Augustine Jones, and in each of the services the beautiful hymn "O God, above the drifting years," written by the late Dr. John Wright Buckham, was used. On the day following the death of President Roosevelt a memorial service completely filled the church. West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship, with about 100 present, met April 29 in this church, with Cazadero as its theme. The final Church Family Night of the season was addressed by Dr. Harold Fisher of Stanford, professor of Russian history and language, interpreting the San Francisco Conference.

PARADISE. Early in April this church presented something novel—an "appreciation party" tendered to Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, the pastor, and his wife, to show appreciation of the splendid leadership in the recent building program. More than a hundred friends enjoyed the delightful program. As a more material token, a handsome mahogany end table was presented to the Marshalls. A "sacrificial luncheon" was held for the women of the church in behalf of the Congregational Committee for War Victims and Services. The tables were beautifully decorated with ferns and candles. An excellent program of music was given, and an address by the pastor, but no food was served. An offering amounting to $50 was received.

PORTERVILLE. April 22 was the occasion of a reception to the fifty new members who have joined the church since January 1. Members of the Rotary Club attended a service when the pastor, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, spoke on "The Golden Rule at the Golden Gate." Week-day Bible instruction has been given to 200 seventh and eighth grade pupils on a cooperative basis under the chairmanship of the pastor, who has just been re-elected to serve for another year. The classes have been held in the Episcopal parish hall on released time.

GUERNEVILLE. A beautiful new white altar was dedicated Easter Sunday to the memory of Lloyd Kinyon, who lost his life in France soon after D day. The 50th anniversary of the church was observed April 22, when Superintendent Harley H. Gill delivered the sermon. Rev. Henry Hoyt Hayden, the pastor, left at the end of April for a month's vacation in New York and Connecticut.

PESCADERO. On Sunday, May 13, Charter Day was observed, with old and new members signing a charter at the top of which was a beautifully inscribed covenant. Officers are being elected and the church life completely reorganized under the leadership of Rev. William Keeney, who is serving as pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. As has been the custom for nearly ten years now, this church sent in renewals for its PACIFIC subscribers as well as new subscriptions. A total of 52 were sent during the month. Rev. James B. Orr is pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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SUCCESSFUL SPRING MEETING

The Spring meeting of the Federation was a delightful one. Mrs. Emma Gibson, President of the women's group of the South Berkeley Community Church, welcomed us graciously, and the ladies of the church did everything for our comfort. It was an unusual pleasure for so many of the Federation to be able to see at first hand one of our Thank Offering projects.

The main item of business was the report from a called meeting of the Executive Board held just before the general meeting. Regretfully, the Board learned that the work at Grants must be given up for the present. Of the projects suggested for our Thank Offering in place of Grants, the Executive Board unanimously voted to undertake a share in the hospital work at Ryder Memorial Hospital, Humacao, Puerto Rico. This will be carrying on the same type of work that we had at Grants, and among our Spanish-speaking people. The actual poverty and disease is worse at Puerto Rico than it is in New Mexico, so that need for our help is even greater. Moreover, Puerto Rico is a field in which in times past, California women have been much interested, but of which we have heard little in these later years. We are glad to make its acquaintance again.

Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Literature Secretary, made a report on the reading for the past year. It showed improvement all along the line: 25 groups reporting as against 20 last year, and 400 individual reports as against 332. Mrs. Greisinger pointed out that the smaller societies can more easily get a higher percentage of readers reporting. Over 25% of the membership is unusual for even the small societies, however, and over 10% for large groups. None the less, Lodi, one of the large societies, had 35 reports, or over 23%. Moreover, Lodi had the largest number of honor roll readers of any group in the Conference, and a total of 419 credits for books and denominational magazines read.

This year, as a new and interesting phase of her report, Mrs. Greisinger gave the names of the books most frequently read. Because your editor thinks it may stimulate your own reading to know what other people are enjoying, she is reporting this quite fully. In Section I, Stanley Jones' "Christ of the American Road" had been read by 27 people, more than any other book in that section. Others in the section were Fosdick's "A Great Time to be Alive" and Rhoades' "The Self You Have to Live With." Greenbie's "The Art of Living in War-time" led in Section II, with 12 readers, and O'Brien's poignant "So Long, Son," was also a favorite. In Section III, there was a sudden jump to 110 readers for Seagrave's "Burma Surgeon,' a well-deserved popularity. "Indians Are People, Too" with 56 readers, and "West of the Date-Line" with 47, probably owed part of their high rating not only to their intrinsic interest, but also to the fact that they were M.E.M. study books. Thirty-five thoughtful people read Sumner Wells' "A Time for Decision." Another flare-up came with "Anna and the King of Siam" in Section IV, which had 126 readers, followed by "Yankee from Olympus" with 77. The comparatively small number (30) who had read Dr. Mary Cushman's "A Missionary Doctor" is probably due to the fact that the book came late from the publishers.

Mrs. Greisinger reports that the new reading lists have come and she is taking orders. There is an unprecedented demand for them and societies or individuals wishing them will do well to send their requests to Mrs. Greisinger at once. Her address is 1661 Oxford St., Berkeley 4.

An interesting presentation of the "Program Packets," which have been referred to in another issue, was given by Mrs. J. H. McCartney, 2nd Vice President, and some of the ladies of the Broadmoor church. The group represented a committee meeting at which the various pamphlets, containing help for every possible need, were shown, and each enthusiastically called for by the women especially working in that field.

One of our speakers for the day was Miss Mary Ingle, American Board teacher at Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, and more recently in Turkey. It was of Anatolia and of the Greeks that she talked to us, however: of Anatolia, whose motto is "Morning Cometh," a morning even now coming. When war came to Greece, Anatolia College was turned into a hospital, while students, on foot, in ox-carts, on bicycles, slipped through the lines and made their several ways home. Miss Ingle, herself, was a refugee, and told of feeling her way across pockmarked fields in the dark. The fighting was terrible, but the Greeks were thrilled at holding their own. Food and ammunition were carried to the men along the icy mountain trails, on the backs of the women. Then came the Germans and Greece went down. But now again Anatolia is being turned from a hospital back to a college, and such of the students as have managed to keep alive through the German horror will be finding their way there once more. One of the few things in which all parties unite, says Miss Ingle, is the belief that the American schools, and especially Anatolia, are absolutely essential to Greek welfare.

Dr. Carl Landauer, in his informative address on the New World Organization, stressed, as all thoughtful speakers are doing, that San Francisco, like Dumbarton Oaks and Yalta, is one more milestone toward a greater goal—it is not the goal. But he urged us to keep in our hearts the faith that the goal will ultimately be reached.

Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Thank Offering Secretary, brought us a delightful surprise in the person of Miss Alice English, indefatigable worker with the children and young people of Grace United Church. We see and hear Miss English far too seldom, but when we hear her tell of the work she is doing, we wonder that we see her at all. As she talked, one was struck by the amount of time that is given to music, art in various forms, and good reading: Junior Choirs, Boys' Quartette, Adult Choir, Classes in drawing and painting. She showed us some of the art work of the children—in some cases their own designs—and it was amazingly good. And when we realize that the area in which these children are being taught to appreciate music, pictures and literature is the one with the highest record for Juvenile Delinquency in San Francisco, we feel the importance of Miss English's work and rejoice that, through our Thank Offering, we are sharing in it.

GLEN ELLEN. On Easter evening a pageant, written and directed by Mrs. C. C. Champlin, wife of the pastor, was presented in the hall to a very large congregation.

LODI, FIRST. Nine new members were received on April 8. The young married people's group are painting and renovating the basement of Plymouth Hall, which they will use as a club and study room. The church with its pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, was host to the Central Association on April 20.

NILES. Ten new members were received on Easter Sunday, eight of them on confession of faith. Rev. D. Q. Grabill, the pastor, reports that a gift of $5000 has been received by the church, designated "for the sole purpose of building a Community Hall."

ADIN. Five persons have confessed Christ and will be baptized. Three others have been received since the first of the year. The repairs on the church building have reached the point where the interior is to be painted. Rev. Janie McMillan Lewis is the pastor.

ALAMEDA. The Rev. James Muilenburg of Pacific School of Religion, was guest preacher on April 15. Rev. Ralph V. Conard, the pastor, announced that there would be a service of worship on the evening of V-E Day.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. The parsonage has a new roof. A campaign for $20,000 for renovation of the church properties is under way. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian is the pastor.

MRS. HARRIET BENTON WIRT

Word reaches THE PACIFIC of the death of Harriet Benton Wirt, wife of Rev. Loyal Lincoln Wirt, during the latter part of April. Mrs. Wirt was the niece of Rev. Joseph A. Benton, father of Congregationalism in California, founder of our First Church of Sacramento and first professor of Pacific School of Religion. Mr. and Mrs. Wirt were married in 1890, and together they served churches in our territory, in England and Australia, and did missionary work in Alaska. Mrs. Wirt has been an invalid for four years. She leaves, besides her husband, four sons and a daughter: Captain J. Benton Wirt of the U. S. Army; Capt. Williston Wirt and Lt. Sherwood Wirt, Chaplains in the U. S. Army, Mrs. Monica Caine of Berkeley, and Rev. Lincoln Wirt of Pullman, Washington.

FAIRFAX. Six new members were received on Easter Sunday, when attendance reached 175. Rev. Rudolph Caughey, the pastor, reports that a building committee has been appointed to consider possibilities of a new building or a rearrangement of the present facilities.

KENWOOD. On Easter Sunday 115 persons were present, making an offering of $221. Rev. F. E. Boren, pastor, reports that a number of new families have moved into the Kenwood area and are taking a real interest in the church.

MARTINEZ. The foyer has been done over in white, and a beautiful picture adds to its beauty and attractiveness. Rev. Hugh Vernon White is supplying the pulpit during the vacation of the pastor, Rev. T. T. Giffen.

OROVILLE. Thirty new members have been received since the first of the year. Rev. and Mrs. Maurice de Vries were called to Portland by the death of Mrs. de Vries' father, and were unable to attend the Association meeting.

CLOVERDALE. The Sunday School is growing. More than $1000 has been spent on the church building. Rev. W. R. Haselden will probably remain in charge of the church for another year.

ANTIOCH. At the Association meeting, Rev. Tom Watt reported that the Sunday School is growing faster than the facilities of the church can accommodate.

LOLETA. One hundred people united in Easter worship, and their offering was given to benevolence. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker serves this church as well as the one at Ferndale.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. A special offering on Easter Sunday launched the building fund campaign, and more than $200 had been contributed by the end of April. Rev. Ivan Y. Wong is pastor.

SAN RAFAEL. A fine central heating system has been installed in the church, and other improvements have been made.